

**MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CARROLLTON
JUNE 2, 2003
MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting	<p>The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 2003 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. in the Court/Council Room, Public Safety Complex, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pilgrim</p>				
Roll Call	<p>There were present:</p> <table><tr><td>Mayor Gerald Pilgrim, presiding</td><td>Councilmember Gerald Byrd</td></tr><tr><td>Councilmember Henry Dickerson</td><td>Councilmember Rusty Gray</td></tr></table> <p>There were absent:</p> <p>Councilmember J. Carl Williamson, Jr.</p>	Mayor Gerald Pilgrim, presiding	Councilmember Gerald Byrd	Councilmember Henry Dickerson	Councilmember Rusty Gray
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Invocation	<p>The Invocation was offered by Councilmember Gray.</p>				
Minutes 5/5/03	<p>Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to approve the minutes as previously circulated. Motion carried, unanimously.</p>				
Public Hearing Proposed 2003/2004 Budget	<p>The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed FY 2003-2004 Operating Budgets. Finance Director James Triplett was present to answer any questions relative to the budget. Finance Director Triplett reviewed the proposed 2003-2004 General Fund, Water Fund, Sanitation Fund, Hotel-Motel Special Revenue Fund and associated budgets as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed FY 2003-2004 General Fund Operating Budget of <u>\$22,333,871</u> represents an overall increase of <u>4.4%</u> over the current FY Budget of <u>\$21,385,909</u>. The proposed Sanitation Enterprise Fund for FY 2003- 2004 totals <u>\$2,650,450</u>, a <u>6.9%</u> increase over the current year Budget. The Hotel-Motel Fund is budgeted to decrease by approximately <u>8%</u> to <u>\$170,200</u>. The Carrollton City School System Maintenance and Operation appropriation is proposed to increase <u>2.8%</u> to <u>\$8,667,318</u>. The Carrollton Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department (CPRCAD) appropriation is proposed to increase by <u>8%</u> to <u>\$2,722,445</u>.• On the revenue side of the General Fund, the proposed Budget conservatively anticipates a <u>4%</u> growth in the City's tax digest and a collection rate of <u>95%</u>. This is reflective of historic growth in the digest and trends in building permit data. <u>76%</u> of the City's ad valorem tax and automobile tax is earmarked for the Carrollton City School System. General City Government Services and Operations are funded in large by other revenue sources.• The proposed 2003-2004 Budget forecasts small to moderate drops in auto and intangible taxes, franchise fees, permits, and interest income. Increases are forecast for beer and wine taxes, insurance premium taxes, fines, and forfeitures, and intergovernmental revenues. Sales tax proceeds are projected to remain essentially at current levels.• The proposed <u>\$2,650,450</u> Sanitation Enterprise Fund Budget includes a rate increase of approximately <u>5.2%</u>. The residential garbage collection/disposal fee is proposed to increase from <u>\$13.30</u> per month to <u>\$14.00</u> per month or <u>\$.70</u> per month. The Budget proposes to continue a discounted senior citizen rate of <u>\$11.65</u> per month to qualified households.• The Hotel-Motel Tax fund, totaling <u>\$170,200</u>, supports the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, the Carrollton Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and the City's pledge to the Carroll Tomorrow Program.				

- The proposed FY 2003-2004 Water Fund Budget of **\$7,507,864** represents a **0.0006** decrease over the current FY Budget of **\$7,512,000**. Water and sewer rates are proposed to increase a blended average of **5.8%**. Water and sewer tap fees are proposed to increase **5.8%**. Water sales revenues continue to decline. The primary reason is that for all practical purposes, the Carroll County Water Authority is no longer purchasing water from the City. Other contributing factors include: a) Closures and/or production reductions by major water users; b) Cessation of drought conditions with the return of above-average rainfall; c) increased conservation among users; d) the reduction in rates to customers outside the City Limits under service delivery requirements. While this revenue item drops, fixed costs, system improvements, and regulatory requirements do not. We will need to carefully monitor water revenues in light of this decrease. A mid-year rate adjustment may be required.

Finance Director Triplett noted that a second public hearing on the proposed budget before final consideration of adoption is scheduled for the June 16, 2003 Mayor and Council meeting. At this time, the floor was open for questions and comments regarding the proposed budgets. Following a lengthy question and answer session, the public hearing was closed.

**Resolution
Sewer
System
Improve-
ments to
Carrollton
Manor, Inc.**

Acting City Manager Coleman presented a Resolution for an Employee Incentive Program grant that would assist Carrollton Manor, Inc. in obtaining sanitary sewer service. Acting City Manager Coleman noted that the project had been approved at the April 7, 2003 Mayor and Council meeting and would be funded by the EIP grant combined with funds from Carrollton Manor, Inc. Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to adopt the Resolution supporting the Sewer System Improvements to Carrollton Manor, Inc. Motion carried, unanimously.

**Proposed
Street Name
Change
Church Street
to Mt. Zion
Boulevard**

Mayor Pilgrim reported that he had received a request from Mr. Trent North, Deacon and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church to take official action to change the name of Church Street to Mt. Zion Boulevard, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Church. Mayor Pilgrim stated that according to Mr. North, each resident of Church Street had been contacted and everyone was in full agreement with the name change. Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson to change the name of Church Street to Mt. Zion Boulevard. Motion carried, unanimously.

**Confirmation
Sick Leave
Council
Appointments**

Acting City Manager Coleman requested the Mayor and Council confirm the Employee Sick Leave Council as described in the recently adopted Employee Donated Leave Time Policy to be effective July 1, 2003. The following employee appointments were submitted for confirmation: Wayne Gay, Lewis Mason, Tracy Dunnavant, Casey Coleman and Joel Richards. Motion by Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Gray to confirm the appointments for Employee Sick Leave Council as presented. Motion carried, unanimously.

Appointments

Mayor Pilgrim requested the Council to submit names to Acting City Manager Casey Coleman for consideration for pending and upcoming appointments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson to adjourn at 8:15 o'clock p.m. Motion carried, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Libby R. Duke, Deputy Clerk